Financial Assistance for Tribal Welfare Schemes in States

†1487. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States do not have funds for the tribal welfare schemes;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide funds to the States for implementing these schemes;

(c) if so, the amount that Government propose to provide to Gujarat for this purpose and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) State Governments are to earmark a percentage of their State Plan funds atleast equal to the proportion of Scheduled Tribes population in the State under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for tribal welfare schemes.

(b) The Government of India, in addition, provides funds as Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan and under Article 275(1) of the Constitution to the States. Funds are also provided to States under various Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes of this Ministry. In addition, all Central Ministries are to spend atleast 8% of their Plan funds for development of Scheduled Tribes.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 2620.60 lakhs has been allocated as Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan and an amount of Rs. 2250.00 lakhs under Article 275(1) of the Constitution for the year 2001-2002 to the State Government of Gujarat and the same has already been released to the State. In addition, an amount of Rs. 160.95 lakhs has been released to the State under various other schemes/programmes of this Ministry upto 26th November, 2001. Further release of funds under other schemes/programmes will depend on proposals from the State Government.

Compliance of Directions of Scheduled Tribe Commission

†1488. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether departments and undertakings financed by Government are required to comply with the decisions/directions given by the Scheduled Tribe Commission;

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